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Dear Members

Welcome to the first Club Magazine of 1991 and to another year packed with lots of new sets and play ideas.

There's the new Harbour theme to add to your LEGO Town collection for instance. You can imagine some great games with smugglers and stowaways trying to outwit the Harbour Police.

Then, brand new in the shops right now are some great Blacktron sets - very sleek and sinister and dangerous looking.

Soon (in May) there will be some really "zoomy" new TECHNIC sets and an entirely re-designed LEGO Train range in September.

Yes, a great year ahead indeed.
Happy Building

Clive Nicholls

CLIVE NICHOLLS
Club President



AHOY

The year begins with

Three new harbour sets give you plenty of choice if you are looking for a boating adventure. They have new base units like harbour walls with slipways for launching the boats, and lots of new pieces for realistic harbour models.

New sets include the Harbour Patrol set, No. 6540, which has a Police Patrol car and motorcycle plus two speedboats for chasing

the smugglers in their Black Thunder speedboat, No. 6679.



The Coastguard patrol speedboat, No. 6353, ensures the smugglers are caught and escorted back to the Harbour Police Station.



HARBOUR MAZE COMPETITION

Here's a good opportunity to win one of our brand new Harbour Sets. 1st prize is the 6542 Europort Container base and we also have 20 runner-up prizes of 6679 Black Thunder Speedboat sets.

To enter the competition you need to look at our maze of waves and tell us which Coastguard Patrol Boat is on the right route to catch the smugglers boat.

The first 21 correct answers we pull from our post bag on the 19th of April will be our winners.

Put your answer on a postcard and don't forget to tell us your name, address and age.

Send your entry to:- Harbour Maze Competition, LEGO Club, Wrexham, LL13 7TQ



SHIPMATES!

a brand new LEGO® Town theme - Harbours

The Back Thunder speedboat will cost around £5.30 and the Coastguard vessel around £12.50.

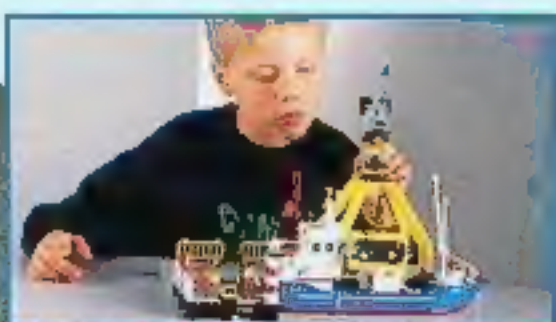


The huge Europort Container Base, No. 6542, has two new harbour bases plus a container boat and container truck, a forklift truck, a pilot boat, and a realistic crane for around £69. The smaller Atlantic Terminal set, No. 6541,

has one new harbour base with a moveable spider crane, a cargo vessel, container truck and fisherman for around £41.



None of the boats float on water, but they all



have special smooth studs on their bases which means they are ideal for "sailing" on the carpet.

Several of the new Town vehicles can be used with the Harbour range for instance, the Europort Cargo Loader, No. 6352, with its telescopic crane and moving cab can be used to load its cargo onto any of the harbour vessels, and if the smugglers were to escape onto dry land they could have the Black Hot Rod Racer No. 6669, waiting to take them into hiding!



Remember these Boats don't float. We have used a sheet of frosted glass for effect.



LONDON TO BRIGHTON LEGO EXPRESS

150th Anniversary High Speed Record Attempt to the LEGO® FUN SHOW at the Brighton Centre

To mark the 150th Anniversary of the first London to Brighton train in 1841 (which took 2½ hours and cost 7/6d - over £20 in today's money!) British Rail's Network South East will lay on a special train to try and beat the current record of 38 minutes, using their brand new Class 319 train.

And you could be on board!

By special arrangement with the LEGO Club, 100 tickets will be held in reserve for Club Members aboard the special LEGO Express on Saturday 27th July.

What a fantastic way to visit the Great LEGO Fun Show being held in the Brighton Centre from July 22nd - August 18th.



A special, all-inclusive package covers:

- Departure from the specially designated LEGO Express platform at Victoria Station at 10.30am with the Lord Mayor of Westminster invited to see us off.
- Record-breaking attempt on the run to Brighton aboard the new Class 319 train.
- Commemorative souvenir scroll of this historic occasion for each passenger.
- Civic welcome by the Mayor of Brighton, with brass band, at Brighton Station.
- Coaches from the station to the Brighton Centre.
- Free entry to the Great LEGO Fun Show
- Coaches to the Corn Exchange for a grand celebration luncheon (ending with strawberries and cream!)
- Return 1st class ticket to London Victoria by any train of your choice so that you can spend as long as you like in Brighton.

Price per person is £30 with no half fares for children **EXCEPT FOR LEGO CLUB MEMBERS** for whom there is a special concession of £15.

Although 100 tickets have been reserved for Club members and their families, additional tickets are available too, but all will be allocated strictly on a first come, first serve basis with a maximum of 4 tickets per family. So if this unique and exciting event appeals to you ask your Mum or Dad to fill out the booking coupon below and send it, together with payment in full direct to The Brighton Centre who are handling all the booking arrangements.

Please note that if you wish to cancel your ticket after issue for any reason, a full refund can only be made up until 3 weeks prior to departure. After Saturday 6th July no refund for cancellation can be made.

Confirmation of booking will be sent within 21 days.

Saturday 27th July looks like being a fantastic and memorable day and we look forward to welcoming you aboard the LEGO Express when you too could be a record breaker!

NEW RIDE IN LEGOLAND PARK

Work continues on the biggest ever ride in the LEGOLAND Park in Denmark - a sensational Pirates Raft Ride - due to open on 28th April.

Some of the models are life-size and are being built for installation in the mysterious Pirate Cave.

And if you are lucky enough to visit LEGOLAND Park this year, here is a special coupon for Club Members to have a free Raft Ride, so cut it out and keep it safely.

SPECIALISED TOURS

Specialised Tours of Copthorne, Sussex are the leading specialists in arranging tours to the LEGOLAND Park. Unfortunately in the last issue of Bricks 'n' Pieces we misprinted their telephone number. So if you wish to get full details of the trips they offer, the correct telephone number is 0342 712765



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One free ride in The Pirate Land

To: LEGO Express, Brighton Centre, Kings Road, Brighton, BN1 2GR

BOOKING FORM

LEGO EXPRESS
LONDON - BRIGHTON 27th July 1991

Please reserve _____ ticket(s) at £30 and _____ ticket(s) at £15 for Club Member(s). Total £ _____ Cheque enclosed/ please debit my VISA/ACCESS card (delete one)

Card No. _____ Expiry date _____

Name of parent or guardian _____

Name of LEGO Club Member _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Signature of parent or guardian _____



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This is an amazing idea for a game - one that you can make as easy - or as hard as you like. It's a maze, the layout can be any size, mine is quite simple, just make

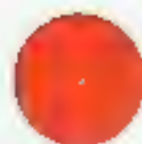
sure you have dead-ends and false trails. You can use a bead or small marble to get round the maze - make sure the pathway is the right size.

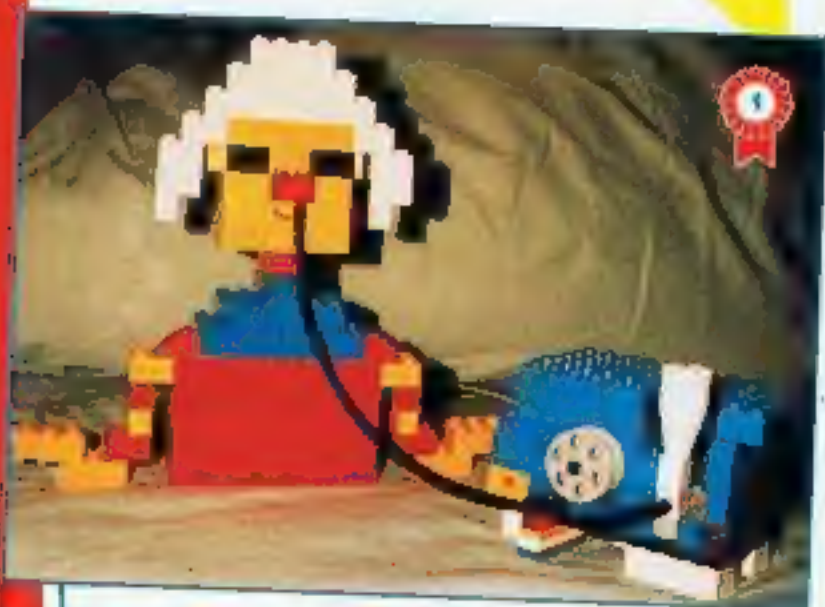
When your bead has been through the maze and it's getting too easy or boring for you, you could change the layout or, to make it really hard - put a layer of slims over the top so that the maze is completely enclosed -

Now try it!

You'll have to 'feel' and listen where the bead is - very tricky!

You could have time trials with your friends - who can do it the fastest?! No cheating now





SPRING

A "Golden" MAST goes back to each models are shown photograph of a spring telling us why and you too could become your model a show Bricks

ANOTHER GREAT CO

1 David Bradford, aged 9, decided that a model of his Granny in hospital would cheer her up.

2 Timothy Kimber, aged 9, took 3 days to build a working model of a water mill.

3 David Geddes, aged 7, likes going to McDonalds and hopes that we all like his model of Ronald McDonald.

4 David Yeadon, aged 9, likes to watch people hang-gliding near his home. He built this model of a hang-glider.

5 Rory Elrick, aged 8, has an unusual visitor to his bird table. I hope the other birds like his model of a LEGO bird.

6 Graham Cartledge, aged 6, has used the design of the M-Tron patch to build his model.

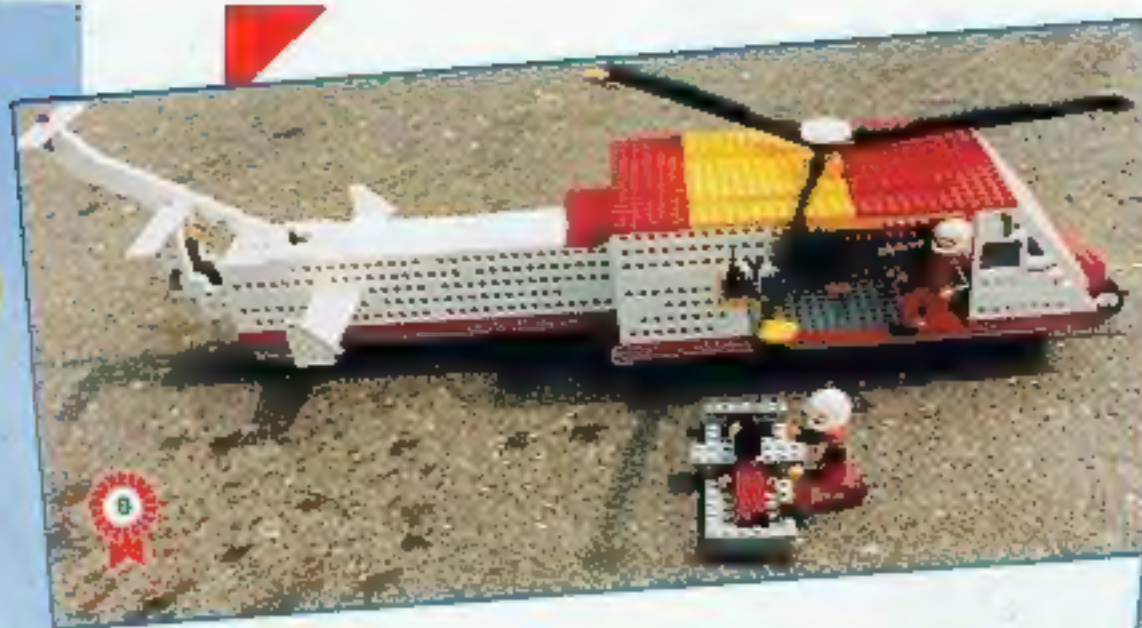
7 Richard Taylor, aged 8, calls his model a computer 'LEGOSPEC'. He plays with outside and his own computer indoors.

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LECTION OF WINNERS

- Alan Kiely**, aged 11, likes watching Baywatch and decided to build a helicopter which has motor powered rotor blades.
- Adam Summerlon**, aged 8, used his LEGO bricks to build a Gremlin. What a good likeness.
- Adam Howard**, aged 9, used his Technical LEGO to build a ski lift.
- Ben Crimmen**, aged 14, built this colourful parrot when he found the nights were drawing in. It reminded him of the nice summer.

- Peter Butterfield**, aged 4, has built his own LEGO ghost. Well done.
- Steven Mercer**, aged 8, wanted a change from lorries and cars so he decided to use his LEGO bricks to build a book. He used a road piece as the backing and a lot of red bricks.
- Tiffany Blaker**, aged 9, built this model of her pet rabbit whose name is Snowflake.

Well done!

THE GREAT LEGO FUN SHOW

THE BRIGHTON CENTRE

23rd July until 18th August



This will be the biggest show we've ever done, it will include the Pirate World Show and the new Fun Fair World Show along with lots and lots of models from Wrexham. We plan to have a big play area and a cinema along with a big LEGO shop with all the latest sets.



Watch the next issue in July for full details about opening times.

ART & LEGO LATEST news

LAST SHOWING

The Art of LEGO Exhibition started its tour at Bodelwyddan Castle in North Wales in early 1988 so it's fitting that it should return there for it's last showing from 23rd March until 2nd June.

Club members can visit the show free of charge on production of their valid Club Membership cards, otherwise it costs £2 for adults and £1 for children.

Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy of dates, but telephone confirmation should be made prior to visiting the exhibition.

Bodelwyddan Castle
Tel: 0745 584060.

LEGO SAFARI

More dates to see this fun display of wild LEGO animals, plus a free to enter competition.

2nd March to 16th March
23rd March to 6th April
13th April to 27th April
4th May to 18th May
25th May to 8th June
15th June to 29th June
13th July to 27th July

Elmsley Centre, Staines
Port Arcades, Ellesmere Port
The Forge, Parkhead, Glasgow
Birchwood Mall, Warrington
Fishergate Centre, Preston
London Zoo, Regents Park
Almondvale Centre, Livingston

Before making a journey to visit the show please ring and check the latest details. All details and dates were correct when we went to press in early January.

construction CENTRE

STOP Press! Next time you need to buy some LEGO sets look out for the new LEGO Construction Centres.

At the moment there are only 4 up and running but in the next 12 months there will be about 100 spread across the country.

At these centres you'll be able to buy most DUPLO and LEGO sets and those that you can't buy you'll be able to order for quick delivery to the construction centre.

The LEGO centres will have LEGO models on display and large LEGO bricks hanging from the ceiling to help identify the centres which are within toy shops and some department stores.

The first 4 LEGO Centres are at:-

Conways Arts & Crafts,	Keighley
Toy World,	Leeds
Schofield Shopping Centre	Edgeware
Toystack,	Thame
The Pied Pedlar,	

BATHTIME FUN

Bathtime is always fun, soon it will be even better with the launch of the New LEGO® Ships.

These ships, available from May, actually float. So, you can fish for sharks with the Shark Hunter or dive to the murky depths looking for sunken swag with the Police Patrol which has its own diving equipment.

The Shark Hunter will cost around £11.50 and the Police Patrol around £20.

The largest new ship is the Fire Fighter, set No. 4031, with helipad, detachable helicopter, and fire pumps which can be hoisted high

above the deck. The Fire Fighter will cost around £28.80.

You can always be the captain with these new LEGO Ships.



AUTO-MOBILITY

2000 2010



Automobility 2000 Science Museum London until 23rd March 1991 last few days

Automobility 2000 is an exhibition of futuristic cars created by European designers and built from LEGO bricks.

As well as the cars to see there is a workshop area to try out the new LEGO Control Centre sets and the Dacta® school computers.

Club members will get free entry with a valid Club membership card.

If anyone has been listening to the new Radio 5 which took to the airwaves recently, then you probably know that the station has lots for children.

LEGO Club member Alastair Show was given the opportunity to interview a person of his choice for Radio 5.

He chose to interview Peter Davidson, a man who has designed and built models for LEGO exhibitions. Peter is at present the Design Manager for the Science Museum in London.

Alastair asked Peter about his fascination with LEGO bricks and about his best model. Peter's best model is a biplane he made last year which took 6 weeks (around 300 hours) to complete. The finished model was around 4 ft square.

Alastair was clearly amazed as his biggest model was an M-Tron spaceship about 1 ft square which took only half a day to build.

Alastair (pictured) from Northampton won 1st prize in his local village fete with his 'Vehicle for the Year 2000' made from LEGO bricks, so it was quite appropriate that the interview took place in the exhibition of futuristic car models, Automobility 2000, at the Science Museum.

BBC RADIO

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design a club mug

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ouldn't it be fun to have our very own LEGO® Club mug? We plan to offer one in the next edition of Bricks 'n Pieces but think it would be great if it was designed by a Club member.

What do you think a Club mug should look like? We'll offer prizes for the best designs and print it on the mugs. So here's a wonderful chance to become famous as a designer!

The prizes are - a new Blacktron Spy Base (No. 6988) plus 4 of the new mugs for the member whose design we use and we've got 20 Blacktron Octopod Sets (No. 6887) for the runners up.

Your design for the mug must fit into a rectangle 190mm long by 75mm high, as this will be the actual size we can print onto the mug.

Send your design with your name, address and age to:

Design a Mug Competition
LEGO Club
Wrexham, Clwyd
LL13 7TQ

Make sure it arrives by 19th April 1991.

HOBBY BRIAN CAN'T "LEGO!" OF

Brian Leonard is a bank manager who likes to be constructive, even in his spare time.

After a day's work, dealing with overdrafts and loans, he puts away his ledgers and takes out his LEGO collection.

Mr Leonard probably has Britain's largest private collection (nearly a million pieces!) - at his home above the Royal Bank of Scotland's branch in Thurso, Caithness.

Brian has built everything from Spanish galleons, planes and spaceships to a town, complete with

monorail and train on a large layout which takes up one room in his house.

The layout took 17 years to build and has been dismantled five times during career moves. Each time it takes two weeks to pack.

Local children having difficulty with models come into the bank clutching their bricks and ask: "Is the manager in?"

Brian's sons, have outgrown the hobby. "But not me," he says. "I never will. This is how I'll spend my retirement".

Brian is an honorary Club Member.

TECHNIC COMPETITION WINNERS

Jim Douglas of West Finchley was the winner of the first prize of a TECHNIC Control Set in our last competition.

His was the first entry giving the correct answers that the Control Centre has two memories, two 9 volt motors and that the number of the 9 volt motor and battery set is 8720.



RUNNERS-UP WERE:-

Robert Jones,	Southampton
Wayne Spalis,	Rochester
Lee Jobson,	Cheshunt
Jonathon Lynd,	Ballygally
Katie Knock,	Thetford
Matthew Rowell,	Harlow
Stuart Marlow,	Malton on Thames
Gareth Williams,	Weaverham
Liam Davison,	Fife
Dannachadh Moran,	Co. Kildare

JOKEs

Q What is yellow and stupid?
A Thick Custard.

Q What did the big chimney say to the little chimney?
A You are too young to smoke.
Neil Willey, Belfast.

Q What do you get if a young wolf goes running?
A A cub sweater.
Daniel Williams, Reading

Q Why did the hedgehog cross the road?
A To see his flat mate.
Andrew McKechnie.



clubshop

SPECIAL OFFER

Hurry for this special offer as stocks are limited. Here is a chance to add to your existing space collection, and create a more realistic moon surface.

This offer of two crater plates is exclusive to Club Members at a special price of £2.95 plus postage and packing.

ONLY
£2.95
(PLUS P + P)



CLUB SHOP ITEMS

11923	LEGO PIRATE KEYRING	90p
11925	PIRATE STICKERS	20p
11920	LEGO CLUB BADGE	35p
11938	RED LEGO CLUB CAP	£2.00
11726	LEGO CLUB T-SHIRT age 5-6 (while stocks last)	£2.95
11728	LEGO CLUB T-SHIRT age 7-8 (while stocks last)	£2.95
11732	LEGO CLUB T-SHIRT age 9-11 (while stocks last)	£2.95
11900	NEW EURO EXPRESS PATCH	30p
11942	CRATER PLATES (while stocks last)	£2.95
POSTAGE AND PACKING		50p

ORDER FORM

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11923		90p	
11925		20p	
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11900		30p	
11942		£2.95	
POSTAGE AND PACKING			50p
TOTAL			

NAME _____

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SEND TO
THE LEGO CLUB
Club Shop, Wrexham,
Clwyd LL13 7TG

Cheque/Postal Order should be made payable to LEGO UK LIMITED
Please allow 28 days for delivery

BLACKTRON

NEW

BLACKTRON SPACE FLEET

In the centre of the space galaxies the Blacktron spies are always in trouble. They constantly try to steal inventions and computers from the M-Trons.

The Blacktron Spy Base, Set 6988, has a raised building surface with crater design. This is hollow and is used as the underground hideout which is entered by a hinged grid on the top. The set comes with the Electric System which gives flashing lights on the bridge. The Spy Base will cost around £50.

On the Blacktron Intruder Force, Set 6981, the central fluorescent green cover lifts up to lower a ramp to let two mini vehicles drive down.



Up above is the space craft Octopod, Set 6887, as it tries to out manoeuvre the M-Trons. The X-shape swing-wings move position to help dodge and escape them. The fluorescent cockpit can be opened and also disconnected to be used separately if needed. The Octopod will cost around £8.00.

The smaller sets include a Star Rider, Set 6832, for around £2.75 and a Spy Buggy, Set 6812, for around £1.75. Extra touch down plates can be bought to extend your Blacktron bases and a set of six figures is available to add to your Space Police, M-Tron and Blacktron forces. So if you're looking for action the new Blacktron sets could be just what you need - and they are in the shops now.

